

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program

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Cuyahoga Valley National Park Internship Opportunity

- Position Title:** Vegetation Intern - Trillium Monitoring (1-2 positions)
- Dates of Internship:** Mid April to the end of May, 2014
- Hours:** 4 hours per week - any days of the week
- Location:** Homestead - 671 W. Streesboro Rd. Peninsula OH 44264
- Duties:** Interns work in pairs measuring the stem height of trillium plants at fourteen locations throughout the park. Plants are in protected cages 1m x 1m in size and in adjacent control (uncaged) plots. Plants need to be measured every other week until the end of the growing season. Individual plants are tagged and measurements for each plant are recorded on data sheet until the plants start to die off. Deer browse and flowers present are also noted on the data sheet. Time commitment per site is usually 2-4 hours and varies with plant quantity.
- Skills Required:** Self motivation, ability to work independently and pay attention to detail when recording data observations. Interest in fieldwork and hiking outdoors.
- Requirements:** Applicants must complete a National Park Service Volunteer-in-Parks Agreement and may be subject to a background investigation. U.S. citizenship, driver's license, and reliable transportation required. Local candidates only. Must be a current Kent State University student.
- Salary/Benefits:** Travel Stipend provided by the KSU's BSCI department, may be in the range of \$50-\$300, depending on the number of hrs worked per week and the length of the internship. Students will be paid in two installments, the first at the midpoint and the last at the completion of the internship. Interns are eligible for injury compensation and tort claims the same as federal employees and are considered to be federal employees for those purposes only.
- Outcomes:** Results of internship will be practical experience in vegetation monitoring within a national park. Network with biology and resource management professionals. Park staff will train interns to (1) identify plants; (2) understand methods to measure plants and record deer browse.
- How to Apply:** Please submit the BSCI/CVNP application to Academic Advisor, Gail Spalsbury at gkovach@kent.edu, with the above Position Title as the subject, by January 21, 2014. Please be prepared to bring your resume and cover letter to CVNP if offered an interview. Please request an application from Gail Spalsbury at gkovach@kent.edu or pick up a copy at CHH 256.

